CLAIMS

Now, therefore, the following is claimed:

1   1.   A computer system, comprising:

2   memory; and

3   a security application configured to display a list of security rules for locking

4   down resources of said computer system, said security application configured to enable

5   a set of said security rules, based on inputs from a user, and to cause said computer

6   system to enforce said enabled set of security rules by modifying a machine state of

7   said computer system, said security application further configured to enable said user

8   to select one of said security rules and to display information describing said selected

9   rule in response to a selection of said one rule by said user, said information based on

10   data stored in said memory.

1   2.   The system of claim 1, wherein said security application is configured to

2   display said information immediately in response to said selection.

1   3.   The system of claim 1, wherein said security application is configured to

2   display said list within a window, said window including a plurality of selectable icons,

3   said security application further configured to display different sets of information

4   describing said selected rule in response to selections of different ones of said icons.

1   4.   The system of claim 1, wherein said security application is configured to

2   display a main window, said security application further configured to display rules of

3   said list in a first sub-window of said main window and to display said information

4   describing said selected rule in a second sub-window of said main window.

1   5.   The system of claim 4, wherein said security application is configured to

2   categorize said list of rules, said security application further configured to display

3   categories of said rules in a third sub-window of said main window.

1   6.   The system of claim 5, wherein said security application is configured to

2   enable said user to select one of said categories and is configured to display, in said

3   first sub-window, rules of said list that are associated with one of said categories

4   presently selected by said user.

1   7.   The system of claim 6, wherein said main window includes a plurality of

2   selectable icons, said security application further configured to display in said second

3   sub-window different sets of information describing said selected rule in response to

4   selections of different ones of said icons.

1   8.   A computer system, comprising:

2   means fordisplaying a list of security rules for locking down resources of said

3 computer system;

4   means for receiving inputs from a user of said computer system;

5   means for enabling a set of said security rules based on said inputs from said

6 user;

7   means for enforcing said enabled set of security rules;

8   means for selecting one of said security rules from said displayed list; and

9   means for displaying information describing said selected rule in response to a

10 selection of said one rule by said selecting means.

1   9.   A method for locking down resources of computer systems, comprising

2 the steps of:

3   displaying a list of security rules for locking down resources of a computer

4 system;

5   receiving inputs from a user of said computer system;

6   enabling a set of said security rules based on said inputs from said user;

7   enforcing said enabled set of security rules;

8   selecting one of said security rules from said displayed list; and

9   displaying information describing said selected rule in response to said selecting

10 step.

1   10.   The method of claim 9, wherein said displaying said information step is

2 performed immediately in response to said selecting step.

1   11.   The method of claim 9, wherein said displaying said information step

2   further includes the step of displaying said information within a window, said window

3   having selectable icons, said method further comprising the steps of:

4   selecting one of said icons; and

5   displaying other information describing said selected rule in response to said

6   selecting one of said icons step.

1   12.   The method of claim 9, wherein said displaying steps further comprise

2   the steps of:

3   displaying a main window;

4   displaying rules of said list in a first sub-window of said main window; and

5   displaying said information describing said selected rule in a second sub-

6   window of said main window.

1   13.   The method of claim 12, further comprising the steps of:

2   categorizing said list of rules; and

3   displaying categories of said rules in a third sub-window of said main window.

1   14.   The method of claim 13, further comprising the steps of:

2   selecting one of said categories,

3   wherein said displaying a list of security rules step includes the step of

4   displaying, in said first sub-window and in response to said selecting one of said

5   categories step, rules of said list that are associated with said one category.

1   15.   The method of claim 14, wherein said displaying said main window step

2   includes the step of displaying a plurality of selectable icons, and wherein said method

3   further comprises the steps of:

4   selecting one of said icons; and

5   displaying, in said second sub-window, other information describing said

6   selected rule in response to said selecting one of said icons step.